CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

TERM 4 DATES: Monday 03 October - Tuesday 20 December

YEAR 3 CAMP TO LOG CABIN RANCH:
Thursday 17 - Friday 18 November

PREP 2017 TRANSITION: Session 4:
Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 November

1st WHOLE SCHOOL 2017 TRANSITION:
Wednesday 23 November

READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:
Thursday 24 November, 11.00am-12.00pm

2nd WHOLE SCHOOL 2017 TRANSITION:
Monday 28 November

PREP 2017 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
Wednesday 30 November, 6.00pm-7.00pm

PARENT HELPER’S MORNING TEA:
Thursday 1 December, 11.40am-12.30pm

3rd WHOLE SCHOOL 2017 TRANSITION:
Thursday 1 December

YEAR 7 2017 ORIENTATION DAY:
Tuesday 6 December

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PICNIC:
Wednesday 7 December, 5.30pm-Picnic, Performances from 6.15pm

PREP – YEAR 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM:
Mon 5–Thurs 8 and Mon 12–Thurs 15 December

YEAR 6 GRADUATION:
Thursday 15 December

YEAR 5/6 LIFE SAVING EXCURSION:

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Remembrance Day
Last Friday our senior students attended, and ran, the Remembrance Day service at the Arboretum in Dorset Rd. Congratulations to everyone. I was very proud to hear how well our students conducted themselves and demonstrated respect for all those who have served. Thank you to staff for organising this opportunity.

Christmas Celebration
The school Christmas Celebration will take place on Wednesday 7th December from 5.30-7.00pm.

Christmas Celebration
What a great way to celebrate the end of the school year with family and friends by bringing a picnic tea, relaxing and enjoying the performances of the students who are eagerly awaiting the holiday period.

3/4 Expo
Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, the middle school students showcased their science work done this term. We had a different focus with students working in groups. The team work has been excellent and the science experiments demonstrated their understandings. Well done to all students.

School Council
I have had a couple of queries regarding attendance at School Council meetings. School Council is open to the community. If you would like to attend it is a good idea to contact me and let me know you are coming, as occasionally there are times when meetings are closed. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the staffroom. At 6.30 both the Education Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee meet in preparation for Council. School Council governance information is available on this link.

School Council

These are public documents and provide a range of information regarding council. Below I have put in a couple of excerpts of the function of School Council and Open and Closed Meetings. If you have any questions you are welcome to give me a call or catch up with me at school.

In addition our School Council has taken up the option of having a Community Liaison member. Ours is Marita Knutsen (Charlie 5/6S). If you don’t already know Marita but would like her to contact you just let the office know the right contact number and we will get her to give you a call. Below is a copy of the piece Marita put in the newsletter earlier in the year.

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COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER
Hello, my name is Marita Knutsen. I am the School Council Community Liaison Officer. As my title suggests I liaise with the school community and the School Council. If you have a query, suggestion or comment I will present it for you at School Council. Community members are welcome at our meetings but we do understand not everyone has time to do so.

The role of our School Council is to assist in the governance of the school. Our School Council has three subcommittees. This is a very brief overview of what they do.
• Finance - The Finance Committee present the recommended budget to School Council for approval and adoption. They also regularly monitor and report to council on progress against the budget.
• Education and Planning - The Education and Planning Committee maintain educational policies such as camps, excursions and student welfare.
• Buildings and Grounds - Buildings and Grounds organise working bees and maintain the schools appearance.

For information on School Councils and subcommittees, go to education.vic.gov.au.

If you would like to submit anything to School Council I can be contacted via the tiqbiz app. Go to Contact, submit your message and in the drop down box for ‘Who is this message for?’ Select Community Liaison Officer. I will bring your submission to the next School Council Meeting and you will be contacted by the appropriate person soon after.
Looking forward to hearing from you.
Marita Knutsen

“Functions of a school council”
The functions of a school council are outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and include:
• establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school’s community
• participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
• approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
• developing, reviewing and updating school policies
• raising funds for school-related purposes
• maintaining the school’s grounds and facilities
• entering into contracts (such as for cleaning or construction work)
• reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
• creating interest in the school in the wider community
• informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community
• regulating and facilitating the after-hours use of school premises and grounds
• operating a children’s service at the school or other premises controlled by the Minister.’

“Open and closed meetings”
School council meetings would normally be open to the school community and conducted according to standard meeting requirements. Visitors or observers can be present at the council meetings with the agreement of the principal and a decision of council. Visitors have a right to speak but must do so through the person chairing the meeting (usually the school council president). They have no voting rights. There may be times when, for the purpose of confidentiality or other reasons, the council meeting, or part of the meeting, needs to be closed, such as considering a principal selection report.’

In recent months the Council’s focus has been on the implementation of the Child Safe Standards. The implementation of these has to be completed by the end of 2016. Last week two policies were included in our newsletter: Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct. This week we are taking our Volunteers Policy to Education Committee and School Council. Further information regarding the Child Safe Standards is available at http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe/Pages/default.html
**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER (continued from page 2)**

**Parent Payments for 2017**
On Friday the Parent Payment information will be coming home. Have a read over the weekend and if you have any queries please feel free to contact myself or Lee-Ann, our business manager. We provide options of payment plans if parents would like to contact us. Families also have the option of starting their payments now if you would like to. Again, any queries please contact me.

**Fiso – Framework for Improving Student Outcomes**
As part of the Department’s work, each school is linked to others in their area for developing a project around student improvement. Our project is to build data literacy in our school. That means how we use data to create further learning for our students. We are in a group with Regency Park, Heany Park, Fairhills and Ringwood Heights Primary Schools. So far this semester the Principals have had two meetings and all staff from the five schools attended an after school meeting introducing our work. On Friday each school is sending a working party to a day with our local educational improvement leader with a view to bringing this work back to the school. Obviously this project will continue into 2017. This project is in line with our School Strategic Plan and achieving our overall goals of improving literacy and numeracy for our students.

**Year 3 Camp – MONBULK**
This Thursday and Friday our year 3 students will be attending their first school camp. We know they will have a fantastic time and we thank the staff for all their preparation. This is a very exciting time for students and their families.

**Giving Tree – Foothills Community Care**
This year we will be running our Giving Tree again. Once our tree is up in the foyer families can bring in wrapped gifts with a tag indicating who the gift might be suitable for. Christmas can be a challenging time for some and we hope that our gifts may bring happiness to others. This is a lovely way we can model for our children the positives of helping others. If you can help out we would appreciate it. The tree will be up from Thursday 1st of December.

Have a great week,
Sue Dean.

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:**

The celebration sausage sizzle for the 2016 Reading Challenge is on **Thursday, November 24th**.

Classes will have an opportunity to formally thank their Challenge Classroom helper in the classroom between 11.15am and 11.40am.

Certificates will be handed out to all children who competed the challenge.

A special classroom achievement and encouragement award will be presented.

Classes will be called, one level at a time, after 11.15am, so that Challenge participants can collect their sausage in bread, and then eaten in the classroom.

At the assembly on Friday, November 25th, Challenge Level awards and the Nick Wakeling award, will be presented. Reading Challenge honour role for participants having completed the Reading Challenge can be viewed at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pre/Pages/2016honourroll.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pre/Pages/2016honourroll.aspx)

Thank You Everyone for your participation and we look forward to the 2017 Reading Challenge.

Mrs Barr.
Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week: *(Ending Friday 11th November 2016)*

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Student</th>
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<td>5/6S Mr Sutherland</td>
<td>Emma L</td>
<td>For having the courage to stand up and present a poem at the Remembrance Day Memorial Service</td>
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<td>5/6O Ms O’Brien</td>
<td>Julia C</td>
<td>For always being an enthusiastic member of the class and ensuring that everyone in class is OK</td>
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<td>5/6F Mrs Fellows</td>
<td>Phoenix B</td>
<td>For taking responsibility for his behaviour and trying to improve himself</td>
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<td>5/6D Miss Davies</td>
<td>Nathan V V</td>
<td>For being willing to work with students other than his friends</td>
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<td>3/4S Mrs Sutherland</td>
<td>Sarah L</td>
<td>For increasing her reading stamina when reading to self this week</td>
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<td>3/4O Ms O’Neill</td>
<td>Taya P</td>
<td>For excellent knowledge of counting patterns and times tables</td>
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<td>3/4M Mr Meede</td>
<td>Hannah K</td>
<td>For always giving her best effort during our reading sessions</td>
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<td>3/4C Miss Cichowicz</td>
<td>Douglas S</td>
<td>For his interest and hard work in learning about VOLUME</td>
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<td>1/2C Ms Cuzzilla</td>
<td>Chloe G</td>
<td>For putting in so much effort with our Reader’s Theatre this week</td>
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<td>1/2K Ms Keltie</td>
<td>Matilda H</td>
<td>For sharing lots of interesting facts with the class. Thanks Matilda</td>
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<td>1/2I Miss Iverach</td>
<td>Molly H</td>
<td>For great work with creating and solving worded problems in Maths</td>
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<td>1/2H Mrs Hutchinson</td>
<td>Taylah H</td>
<td>Thank you for your responsible and considerate use of our resources in Investigations</td>
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<td>1/2A Mrs Alenson</td>
<td>Jerome B</td>
<td>For writing an interesting Missing Dragon poster</td>
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<td>PREP W Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Hope S-W</td>
<td>For working so hard to improve her reading fluency</td>
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<td>PREP L Miss Locking</td>
<td>Charlie A</td>
<td>For being so kind and friendly to new Prep Liam by sitting down and reading him a story</td>
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<td>PREP F Mrs Flanagan</td>
<td>Kelsie A</td>
<td>For the excellent progress she has made with her writing</td>
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<td>ART Mrs Krenn</td>
<td>Emma S and Rory H</td>
<td>For their help organising the Remembrance Day Ceremony</td>
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<td>P.E. Ms Atkinson</td>
<td>Finn H and Josh L</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort in boxing during 5/6 sport</td>
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Volunteer request

We would like to ask any parent with their Working with Children Card to help with the traditional Premier’s Reading Challenge BBQ. If you are able to help run the BBQ on Thursday 24th November from approx. 10am please let the office or a member of GNPA know.

Shopping Tour

This week
19th November
Bus leaves at 7am. Meet at 6.30am in the top car park. Make sure you bring large, well-labelled bags for all your goodies, and a BYO lunch with lots of water to drink. Wear comfy shoes and bring cash for the $6 store that is cash only.

Passive Fundraisers

Hogsbreath Knox

Is currently closed for renovations but reopening at the start of December. This is a great fundraiser and you get to enjoy a nice meal. Don’t forget to ask for the Hogs cash and the school will also benefit.

Entertainment book

www.entbook.com.au/1b88310

Rebel sport Knox

FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PS

These are the words we would love you and your family and friends to use when next shopping at rebel sport this company donates goods to our school.
GNPA has secured a time for exclusive access to **The Cadbury Factory Staff Shop.**

There are *limited* spots available. Leave your name & contact number at the office by **Friday 25th Nov.** Names will be chosen at random and contacted by Mon 28th November. Max. 25 people.

**Thursday 1st December 2016**

10am Sharp.

323-351 Canterbury Rd, Ringwood.

**Conditions Apply:**

*** NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ***

No open shoes. No High Heels. No latecomers (must enter as one group).

Strictly no children can be onsite.
2016
15th Annual
Ferntree Gully Community Christmas Day Lunch

You are invited to a FREE Christmas Day Lunch

Sunday December 25, from 12.00 noon

Food, drinks, entertainment,
Presents from the Christmas Angel,
Transport can be arranged
@ St John the Baptist Parish Hall, 19 Forest Rd Ferntree Gully

To register for your free ticket phone: 8711 8677
Email: stephen@foothillscare.org.au

Hosted by Foothills Community Care
in partnership with local Ferntree Gully friends
www.foothillscare.org.au
Ferntree Gully CFA

Fire Calls 000

Open Day.

(Ferntree Gully Fun Day)
Saturday 26th November, 2016, 10.00 am to 2.00pm

- Discuss your home fire and bushfire safety plans.
- Talk to our experienced volunteer firefighters.
- SES demonstration of removing trapped persons from a motor vehicle 10.30 am and 12.00 noon.
- Childrens CFA helicopter, free Balloons
- Ferntree Gully Library stall on the front lawn.
- Coasters and drink holders for the mums and dads.

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# Gully View

## Scholastic Huge Children’s Book Sale

**One day only!**

**50–90% OFF**

Keystone Hall
Civic Square, Croydon

Thursday 17 November 9am–5pm

Hundreds of picture and chapter books, nonfiction and activity items.

Payment methods:
EFTPOS, cash, credit card and school account.

No trade resellers.


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## Ferntree Gully North Primary School

**Gully View**

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## Ferntree Gully Cemetery Tour

Friday 25 November, 2016

**The History & Mystery Cemetery Tour**

Who moved his wife? And other stories, told under cover of darkness.

7:30 meet at The Hut Gallery, Underwood Rd for sherry, canapes and to view the current Immersive Exhibition ‘Wurdekker’ with Jeremy Swan, Jordan Devin and Deb Casey.

8:20 depart for the cemetery 8:30 tour begins 9:30 tour concludes

BYO Torch. Cost $15. Proceeds to be donated to Knox Historical Society.


25 NOV 2016

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## Ferntree Gully Eagles Juniors

**Registration 2017**

**Option One –**

SUNDAY 20TH NOV 2017
WALLY TEW RESERVE
*10am – 11am Under 8’s*
*Under 12’s*
*11am – 12pm Under 13’s*
*Under 17’s & Girls Teams*

**Option Two –**

Via the Club Website
www.ftgeaglesjfc.com.au

Registrations Open NOW

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**FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2017**

1 Child = $220 + $15 EFL Insurance
2 Children = $350 + $30 EFL Insurance
3 Children = $425 + $45 EFL Insurance

New Addition for 2017 - Every membership comes with a FREE season 2017 Club Hoodie!

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## Boronia Junior Football Club

**Registration Day**

Sunday 20 November
11am - 1pm

Tormore Reserve, Tormore Road, Boronia

Free Sausage sizzle and drinks
Free Socks and Shorts for all NEW players

Boys and Girls of All Age Groups Welcome

For more information, please contact Elissa Schmidtke, President on 0417 593 884

PO Box 253, Boronia 3155

DEVELOPING SPORTING & SOCIAL SKILLS
FREE Netball Clinic

St John the Baptist Netball Club would like to invite you to join in some fun and games at our Netball Clinics:

Dates: Tuesday, 22 & 29 November 2016

Time: 4.15 pm to 5.15pm

Where: St John the Baptist Primary School
17 Forest Road, Ferntree Gully

Ages: 7-17 years (girls) 7-11 (boys)

What to bring: Runners, comfortable clothing and a drink bottle

Contact: Andrea on 0400 958 458 to reserve your spot or for more information

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